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Simulated emergency at the hospital

REXBURG — The Idaho Simulation Network assisted Madison Memorial Hospital in a simulation training exercise broken into four phases on Wednesday.

The simulation exercise was not a test, but instead allowed MMH to practice high risk but low-frequency patient care events. Events instated realistic scenarios and provided opportunities for practice, collaboration and training.



All scenario phases were conducted in real time and as realistically as possible.

Madison Memorial Hospital conducted simulation training exercises of a car wreck and emergency C-section for staff to get hands-on, realistic experience in such situations on Wednesday.

The morning scenario began with a Madison county EMS team responding to the scene of a simulated traffic accident where a pregnant mother and her five-year-old son were injured.

They were transported to Madison Memorial Hospital so the boy could be stabilized and treated for internal bleeding by the Emergency Department.

The afternoon scenario involved an expectant mother in the Labor & Delivery Department who had a complication with her pregnancy resulting in an emergency C-section.

The simulation continued with the newborn baby being delivered and transferred to Madison Memorial's Level 2B NICU, where the infant was stabilized and cared for by the on-hand neonatologist and staff.

"The hands-on, progressive scenarios were invaluable in honing our skills and increasing the communication between our team members as well as outside agencies," said Scott Nielsen, Director of Emergency Services at Madison Memorial Hospital, in a press release.

"The debriefing sessions afterward also allowed staff and observers involved to discuss what went well and what areas of improvement there may be."

Hospital honored with Gold Safety Award

REXBURG — Madison Memorial Hospital was honored Thursday with the Gold Safety Award in recognition for their achievements.

Madison Memorial received the highest available safety award in recognition for its achievement of no lost-time injuries from Jan. 14, 2010, to Aug. 9, 2011.

Over this 19-month period, the facility has worked more than 1 million hours without a single lost-time injury.



“This is an award that very few employers ever receive, and is a significant honor,” said Doug Nielsen of Archibald Insurance in a press release. “The staff of Madison Memorial can be very proud of this achievement, because it’s something that sets them apart from all other facilities.”